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"ALUMNI SPRING BREAK" DRAWS 175+ PARTICIPANTS

More than 175 alumni and friends of Gainesville College were hosted by the GC Alumni Association at a series of events billed as a "Spring Break." The "Spring Break Party" was held following the golf tournament at Royal Lakes Golf Club. GC Alumni Association President Ricky Pugh announced that proceeds from the Scholarship Shoot and Golf and Tennis Tournaments would go into the Alumni Scholarship Trust which already contained \$18,000. He recognized the retiring Alumni Council members: Doug Childers, Pam Ferm, Christy Gregory, Jim Henderson, Judy Mitchell, Willard Morris, Shan Ryder, Randall Townley, and William Wilborn.

New officers of the Alumni Association were elected. They are: Bobby Whitlock, Banks County, President; Linda Stokes, Gainesville, Vice President; and Sherrie Rowland, Gainesville, Secretary/Treasurer. New Alumni Council members were elected — 11 for two-year terms, 14 for three-year terms.

Kerri Rogers, Cornelia, was the winner of a Weekend Getaway at Igles Resort in Helen, Georgia. The "Spring Break Party" was sponsored by *The Gazette* and Milton Martin Toyota and Milton Martin Honda.

Bobby Whitlock, in recognizing retiring President Ricky Pugh for his service to the Alumni Association, remarked: "Ricky has been an outstanding leader during his three years as an officer of the Alumni Association. His creativity and dedication during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the College was especially important."

The fifth annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament got underway at 1:00 p.m. with 120 players participating, 35 of which were alumni. The team of Joe Ingram, Duane Roberts, Ed Ingram, and Robert Ingram (Does this sound like a "family affair?") was declared the winner following a playoff with the team of John Savage, Ron Christopher, Phil Sumlin, and Sonny Sykes after both teams had scored 56 for the day. The longest drive on the #9 hole was made by Leonard Fletcher of Cornelia. Without a doubt, the closest to the pin on the #17 hole was made by Don Grant, Gainesville, who scored a "hole-in-one."

The Alumni and Friends Tennis Tournament was played simultaneously at the Gainesville College Tennis Courts.

Sponsored by Racquets & Togs and Allen Waters Furniture Gallery, the tournament produced the following winners: Men's — Tucker Gougelmann, first; Tracy Tomlin, second; Lew Rogers, third; Charles Caudell, fourth. Women's — Deb Shadburn, first; Jackie Mauldin, second; Marie Hunnicutt, third; Lynn Kelly and Jean Hawkins, fourth (tie).

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New Alumni Council members at "Spring Break" party: left to right, 1st row — Kathy Jackson, Sandra Farrer, Kerri Rogers; 2nd row — Carol Hoover, Judy Anderson, Linda Cofer; 3rd row — Rita Crane, Lillian Welch; 4th row — Rodney Robinson, Deb Smith, Scott Williams; 5th row — Lee Chapman, Mark Bailey. Other new Alumni Council members are Don Shubert, Terry Evans, Jean Buffington, Todd Burke, Britt Henderson, Wesley & Lori Winkler, Jackie Mauldin, Dell & Donnie Whitehead, and Janis & Bill McDonald.

\$100 Made the Difference

by Carroll O. Jones

At exactly midnight on the night he graduated from Banks County High School, Bobby Whitlock clocked in at Chicopee Mills for the first time.

During the summer that followed, while working at Chicopee and helping run his family's chicken farm, Whitlock learned that the Community Club of Homer had awarded him a \$100 scholarship to Gainesville College for a theme he had written about life in his rural community.

Though unsure about the idea of college and facing the prospect of hard part-time work to put himself through school, he decided to give it a try.

Entering the army or going back to work on the farm, however, still seemed like the most real possibilities for his future.

Today, 20 years later, 38-year-old Bobby Whitlock is the new principal of Banks County High School and current president of Gainesville College's Alumni Association.

Whitlock graduated from Gainesville College in 1972 and went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Georgia.

The farm where he grew up is still home for him and his wife, Pat, and their children, Bree, 8, and Cody, 6. His mother, Esther, lives on the same land in a home of her own. His father, Edgar, now deceased, left the farm to his son. But Whitlock credits his wife, who also drives a school bus, with the real maintenance of their farm of 60,000 broilers.

The new principal's easy smile, and the short-sleeved shirt and jeans he wears when school is not in session are a pleasing contrast to his intense focus on his obligations to the 420 students who will attend the high school next fall.

But even with the majority of his new responsibilities as a principal still ahead of him, he's excited about the vital work he and other alumni will be doing for Gainesville College.

"Now I have the opportunity, the opening," Whitlock said, "to go to someone and say, 'Look, I was a kid that got a big chance with just a \$100 scholarship.'"

"I think alumni are here to support the College. What we're interested in is helping kids get into the College. If we can get them into the College, the College will take care of them."

Whitlock's active presence as an alumnus since his graduation from Gainesville College and his deeper involvement in alumni activities over the past two years — first as secretary-treasurer, then as vice president — reflect the College's importance to him still.

He has held fast to his memories.

"When I first came to Gainesville College, what really made me comfortable was how teachers take you personally," he said. "If you had problems, you weren't afraid to talk to your teachers. There was always someone there to help. The personal touch made such a difference. It made me feel like I wasn't different from anybody else."

"I guess I could have gone to another college, but the learning I experienced wouldn't have taken place if someone hadn't always been there for me."

After graduation from the University of Georgia in 1974,

Whitlock taught sixth and seventh graders at Jackson County Elementary School. A year later he returned to Banks County as a school social worker and special education coordinator at the High School.

That same year, while continuing in his position at the High School, Whitlock headed back to the University to earn his master's degree in education with an emphasis in school social work.

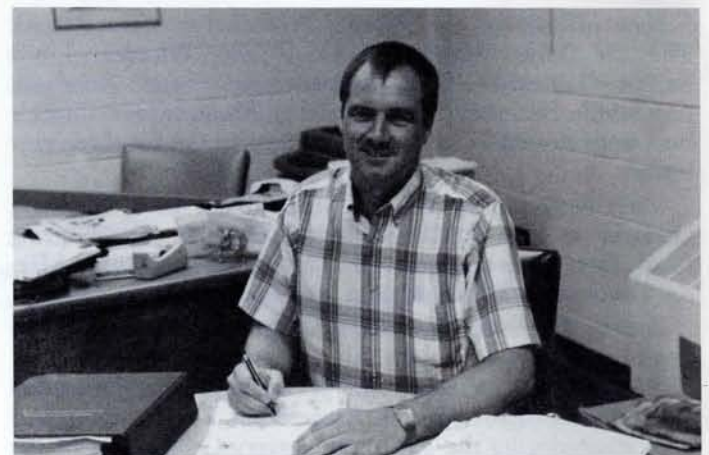
In 1989, after 14 years in the same rewarding but increasingly challenging area of work, Whitlock felt "ready to make some kind of change." He decided to move in a different direction and returned once again to the University for study that earned him a provisional certificate in administration. The following fall he was made assistant principal of Banks County High School.

"I felt I knew the school system," he said. "I'd been in it long enough. Still, though, I found I had a lot to learn."

And learn he did. When the school's dynamic principal of 30 years, Richard Chambers, resigned in March of this year, Whitlock was appointed to the position.

"At that point I had to decide if I was going to work for someone else or be the 'boss,'" he said. "I feel all along I've just been at the right place at the right time. Maybe it's destiny."

Whitlock looks eagerly ahead to the upcoming school year and to the special events at Gainesville College that honor alumni and utilize their interests and talents to benefit the College.



Bobby Whitlock

He explains how alumni participation in Homecoming festivities, the annual golf and tennis tournaments, the picnic for graduating students, and even serving refreshments at Gainesville Theatre Alliance productions is both a treat and an opportunity.

"It's a chance for us to give back something to the College," he said. "Again, if we can get young people to go to this College that will care so much about them, the College will find a way to keep them there. There's just not a better place for a good start."

Carroll O. Jones is a free-lance writer living in Gainesville, Georgia.



1990 Winning Golf Team: l-r, Joe Ingram, Duane Roberts, Robert Ingram, Ed Ingram, and Alumni Association President Ricky Pugh.



Tennis Tournament participants: Front row, l-r, Jean Hawkins, Sandra Henderson, Jackie Mauldin, Lynn Kelly, Deb Shadburn, Anita Sherby, Marie Hunnicutt. Back row, l-r, Steve Blair, Spence Sealy, J. C. Smith, Darrell Dollar, Lew Rogers, Tracy Tomlin, Chaz Blalock, Tucker Gougelmann, Dianne Barrett. Not pictured: Anne Bessac and Charles Caudell.

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Bobby S. Whitlock President
Linda S. Stokes Vice President
Sherrie H. Rowland Secretary/Treasurer

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The Scholarship Shoot, held on May 5 at the Cherokee Gun Club, featured a pistol match and a skeet tournament. Sponsored by the Cherokee Gun Club, Satterfield's Sporting Goods, and Gainesville Towing & Recovery, it provided a day of competition and netted trophies to the following: Pistol (Centerfire) — first, Jerry Hulsey; second, Gary Merritt. Shotgun (12 ga) — first, Bobby Whitlock; second, Ted Towner. Shotgun (20 ga) — first, Wayne Mercer; second, Eddie Harwell.



1990 Scholarship Shoot Winners & Volunteers: l-r, Eddie Harwell, Gene Mercer, Wayne Mercer, Bobby Whitlock, Sandra Henderson, Jerry Hulsey, and Bill Hennen. Other Cherokee Gun Club members who assisted with the tournament were: Jack Crowder, Earl Darby, Harold Barton, and Norvel Williams.



Tucker Gougelmann demonstrated the form that won him first-place honors.

From the President

ALUMNI PLAYED KEY ROLES AT END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

by J. Foster Watkins
President, Gainesville College

While it is my view that we continue to be successful at Gainesville College on a number of fronts, the developing strength of our Alumni Association and its related activities is emerging as a significant plus for this institution. The College has benefited through the years from the broad base of community support, initially, primarily from our home county of Hall, but more recently from our service area in Northeast Georgia.

That support in the first 25 years of the institution's existence came from people who grasped the "vision" of what the College might provide to this section of the state and who never directly benefited as students from it. While continuing support of that element remains a crucial need of and concern for us, as we position ourselves for the next 25 years of service we hope that support and leadership will be accepted and carried further by our alumni who know firsthand about Gainesville College from their experiences as students.

I was reminded of the role our alumni are playing by a number of events that occurred as we closed out the 1989-90 academic year. A highlight of May is our annual Sophomore Picnic/Night School Picnic sponsored by the Alumni Association hosted by a number of active alumni. Almost 300 sophomores and more than 150 evening students participated in the fellowship and food provided by Alumni **Rick Coker, Martha Hembree, Sandra Henderson, Bob Scanlin, Sammy Smith, and Bobby Whitlock**. The participation in these events by alumni is an example of how our alumni are effectively becoming involved and are serving the institution.

In June, the Alumni Association was a part of our graduation ceremonies when **Sherrie Rowland**, Secretary of the Association, officially inducted our graduates into the Alumni Association and provided them with membership cards and key tag mementos. Sherrie, who graduated from Gainesville College in 1986, subsequently completed her bachelor's degree at Piedmont College and is now serving effectively as Assistant Director of Gateway House, a shelter for battered women in Gainesville. My comments in introducing Sherrie on that special night reflected and symbolically represented the role that all of you play as you serve and live in various locations.

While we have traditionally enrolled, and the Alumni Association has been sensitive to, June high school graduates, our new Vice President for Student Development Tom Walter has brought renewed attention and emphasis to the nontraditional student. Through his leadership, the Night School Picnic was more comprehensive this year, including a performance by the highly successful Jazz Band. Additionally, Dr. Walter made arrangements to coordinate the visit of Alexander Zhgutov of the Embassy of the Soviet Socialist Republic in such a way that Mr. Zhgutov was available for a presentation to our night school students in addition to a daytime presentation.

I mention this point about nontraditional students as a way of encouraging you, as alumni, to think comprehensively in terms of your opportunities to support the institution, particularly in helping us to recruit the nontraditional students who might benefit from a second or delayed educational experience at Gainesville College. Compared to other two-year institutions like ourselves, we are still more June high school graduate-oriented, with the average age of our students being almost two years younger than that of other comparable institutions. This fact indicates to us that a market of nontraditional students is still out there to be served. The effort to serve that group more effectively is a short-term objective of the institution as we move into the next quarter century of service.

Please keep in touch, take advantage of the opportunities to be a part of what your Alumni Association does, and never hesitate to give us any constructive feedback which might assist us in making this a better institution. Don't ever forget your first alma mater!

GTA BRINGS NATIONAL RECOGNITION TO GC

Alumni living in the Washington, D.C. area received a special invitation to the Gainesville Theatre Alliance performance of "The Scarlet Pimpernel" at the Kennedy Center Theatre on April 25. Representative Ed Jenkins and Senator Sam Nunn hosted a reception following the performance. This marked the first time a Georgia production was represented at the American College Theatre Festival. Nearly 800 productions competed in the Festival of which only seven were selected to appear at the Kennedy Center.



Alumnus Charles Young, (right) with Congressman Ed Jenkins at the reception. A 1974 graduate of Gainesville College, Charles is employed as an economist with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Stand Up & Be Counted as a GC Alumnus Who Has Made a Contribution in 1990

In 1989 more than 300 alumni contributed to the Annual Fund and/or the Endowment Campaign. Your help is needed in 1990 so that both of these campaigns can reach their goals.

The 1990 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

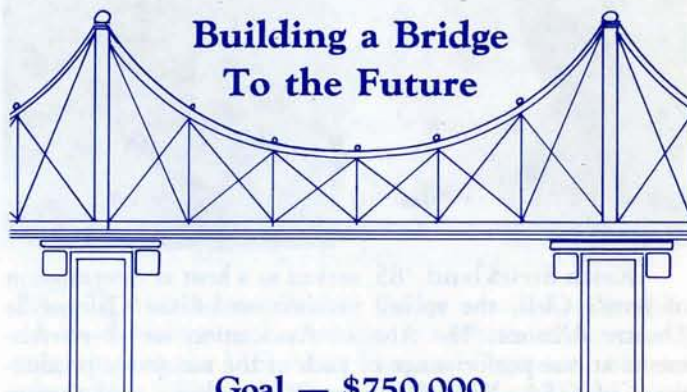
Continuing the Tradition of Excellence

Goal — \$210,000

Contributions To Date — \$150,000

Alumni Contributors To Date — 125

This campaign will provide scholarships for more than 280 students and funding for ANCHORS AWAY, faculty/staff development, and other college and alumni programs. Many of the scholarships are based on need while others are awarded for academic achievement and in the areas of drama, music, art, journalism, and leadership.



Goal — \$750,000

Contributions To Date — \$600,000

GC has been designated to receive \$1.5 million in endowment funding, contingent upon the GC Foundation raising \$750,000 in endowment contributions. That effectively means that for \$1 raised, the GC Endowment actually receives \$3. Your contribution to this campaign will be placed in the Alumni Scholarship Trust.

Please send your tax-deductible contribution or pledge to:

Gainesville College Foundation
P. O. Box 1358
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

Contributions may also be made through your VISA or MasterCard account.

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to the _____ Campaign.

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(pledges should be fulfilled by December 31, 1990)

Please charge to my VISA/MasterCard Account _____
(card no.)

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Did you attend Gainesville College? _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT GC

Dedicated Alumni Make Special Contributions



Keith Strickland, '85, served as a host at intermission of *Jerry's Girls*, the spring production of the Gainesville Theatre Alliance. The Alumni Association serves refreshments at one performance of each of the mainstage productions of GTA. With Keith is GC employee and theatre volunteer **Janice Nylander**.



Career Day always features the return of several alumni to the GC campus. On April 17, 14 alumni volunteered to talk with students about careers in their chosen fields. Pictured with Alumni Director Pat McCarthy are: (l-r) **Chuck Brown** of Genetech, Inc., a pharmaceutical company; **David Sikes** of the Georgia Lions Eye Bank; **Scott Williams**, Coordinator at the Center for Human Resources Development at Georgia State University; and **B. J. Miller** of J & M Tank Lines. Brown and Williams served as President of the Student Government while at the College, Miller as Vice President, and Sikes was a Student Government Representative. Other alumni represented were: **Greg Summerour** of Summitt Insurance; **Jim Schwartz** and **Sidney Chandler** of First National Bank; **Kevin Burchett** who is a graphic artist; **Dr. Ed Quillian**, a veterinarian; **Dr. Reppard Bennett**, a dentist; **Beth Morris** of the Gainesville Department of Parks and Recreation; **Robin Kemp** of the Gainesville City Police; **Rebecca Strong** of the Northeast Georgia Medical Center; and **Crystal Canup** of State Farm Insurance.

"A DAY FOR GAINESVILLE COLLEGE"

GC Alumni provide special assistance during the Annual Fund Drive of the Gainesville College Foundation each year. Who can better sell the College than someone who has benefited from the caring faculty and staff and excellent educational opportunities?



Alumni **Robert Thorpe**, left, and **Joe Booth** teamed together on April 19 to solicit funds for scholarships at Gainesville College.



Larry Pardue and his daughter **Debby Pardue Lane** hit the streets of Gainesville with alumni enthusiasm unmatched. They collected over \$700 from Gainesville businesses and individuals.

To date, \$150,000 has been collected toward the Annual Fund Drive Goal of \$210,000.

THIS IS JUST A SAMPLING OF THE WAYS ALUMNI CONTINUE TO HELP GC . . . A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED. EVERY CONTRIBUTION OF TIME AND MONEY IS IMPORTANT.

We Heard That . . .

'71 J. Randall Simms is a psychologist living in Dacula.

'73 Shirley R. Thurmond Childers, postsecondary teacher at Lanier Tech, has been elected Soror of the Year by the Lambda Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Hugh Gregory Merrill, Jr. is married to **Julie Sweat** ('68) and they have a two-year-old daughter, Chelsea. He graduated from UGA in 1975 and serves as Quality Assurance Supervisor for Boeing Georgia, Inc. in Macon. Julie is co-owner and partner in Insurance Service Consultants in Macon.

Carol E. Vaughan Smith is the Public Relations Director/Teacher at Lakeview Academy. She received the B.S. from Brenau College and M.Ed. from the University of Georgia. The widow of Michael M. Smith, she has a daughter, Mandy, 16, and a son, Vaughan, 12.

Roger E. Terrell has recently married. He is recreation program director for the City of Toccoa. He also plays in a popular band called "Headway."

'74 Linda Austin Crumley is in sales-management in Winder. She raises donkeys which she has named after small Georgia towns such as Lizella, Rosebud, Edison, Weber, and Barney. She is married and has a son, Jimbo, 12.

'75 Jamie Marie Worley Stansell has been elected Teacher of the Year twice at Dacula Elementary School. She is working on a Specialist degree in supervision and curriculum. She is married to John D. Stansell, and has two daughters, ages 11 and 7.

Linda Kaye Bryant Guest is station manager at WFOX in Gainesville.

Dairell Weyman Davis received the M.S. in criminal justice from Georgia State in 1985. With 20 years of service, he is the chief of criminal investigations at the Gwinnett County Police Department.

'76 Rebecca G. Thornton Strickland is an associate with Faulkner & Associates, a consultant and sales training firm in Atlanta. She continued her education at the University of Georgia. She resides in Cumming with her husband Jay and is active at Victory Baptist Church.

'79 Jimmie Dean Overstreet received the B.S. in Home Economics (fashion merchandising and marketing) in 1983 from the University of Georgia. She is now employed by Polo-Ralph Lauren in Brussels, Belgium.

Susan Elizabeth Parker Eldridge married Mark A. Eldridge in 1988. She lives in Oakwood and is owner of Pogo's Toys, Bears & Dolls.

Mary Elizabeth Richardson Powell is living in Gainesville and works in food service.

'80 Brenda Jo Meador Brown is a programmer analyst with the Sabre Group. She lives in Lithonia with her husband Dennis and sons, Daniel, 2, and Joshua, 6 months.

Carol Anne Clure Sorrow is a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service and resides in Cumming. She has a new son born in January, 1990 named James Philip Sorrow.

'81 Gary Rich is a certified financial planner and lives in Agoura, California.

Kayanne T. Thomas Qualls is a medical receptionist and lives in Pendergrass. She has one child 5 months old.

'82 Mitch Chapman and his wife Marsha announce the birth of a son, Joshua Samuel, who was born April 7, 1990. Mitch is a probation officer in Gainesville.

'83 Harla Jane Parker Bailey enrolled at Southern College of Technology in Marietta under a co-op program with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She was selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" in 1989. She married Gary L. Bailey in 1986 and they live in Buford.

Mack S. Collins has twin girls three years old. He attended North Georgia College and is a cabinet maker in Gainesville.

'84 Joseph E. Lancaster is head golf coach at West Hall High School and hit his first hole-in-one at Skitts Mountain Golf Course in April, 1990. He also coaches football and basketball at West Hall.

Tom Duncan recently graduated from Georgia Tech under the co-op plan and worked for the Department of Natural Resources. He is currently employed by the Department of Transportation and lives in Oakwood with his wife, the former **Carol Odell** ('86), who teaches third grade at Chestnut Mountain Elementary School.

'85 Michael A. Crawford received a B.A. in psychology from Piedmont College in 1987. He invented and patented Jacs Safety Slippers which are worn while stripping waxed floors at stores and medical centers. He serves as secretary/treasurer of Janitor and Custodian Safety, Inc. (JACS).

Melisa Elaine Fountain graduated from Georgia Southern in 1987 with a B.B.A. in Management Information Systems. She lives in Norcross and is a Programmer Analyst at Deutz Corporation in Atlanta.

Keith Strickland is currently employed by First American Bank & Trust in Athens.

'86 Jon Alexander Johnson attended the U.S. Naval Academy beginning in July, 1986 and graduated May 30, 1990, at which time he was commissioned an Ensign.

Jeffrey Miller Gilbert received the M.S. in poultry science from the University of Georgia in 1989 and is going for his Ph.D. He hopes the "long road that began at GJC will finally end in '92."

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We Heard That . . .

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Misty Lynn Robinson-Smith graduated from Brenau College in May, 1990. She is a substitute teacher in Hall County and is married and has a two-year-old son, Jourdan.

'87 David D. Sikes lives in Lawrenceville and is employed as a representative for Public and Professional Affairs at the Georgia Lions Eye Bank, Inc. in Atlanta.

Ginger Sims lives in Winder and is currently in graduate school at UGA.

Warren C. Tolbert received a bachelor's degree in education from UGA in 1989 with a major in history. He teaches the seventh and ninth grades at Greene-Taliferro Comprehensive High School at Greensboro, Georgia and plans to continue his education. He lives in Commerce.

'88 Kimberly Renee Hager Dunn is a physical therapist assistant and lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. She and her husband Jim have a daughter, Brittany Nicole, who was born May 1, 1990.

IN MEMORIAM

Three former Gainesville College employees who passed away recently will be remembered by many alumni: **Trish Anderson, Elmer Jenkins, and Virginia Simpson.**

Tony Smith, a member of the Class of '88, died on April 30, from injuries received in a boating accident on Lake Lanier.

David Singleton, Instructor of Math, drowned in Lake Thurmond in April.

Scholarship Trusts have been established in memory of Smith and Singleton. For more information, call the Gainesville College Foundation at (404) 535-6207.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

☐ Would you like to receive an Alumni Association membership card?

Have you:

- ☐ changed jobs?
- ☐ married?
- ☐ moved?
- ☐ continued college?
- ☐ added to your family?
- ☐ done something else that's noteworthy?

Membership is open to all *former students*, not just graduates. There is **no** membership fee.

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First Middle Maiden Last

Social Security Number _____

I attended GC from 19____ - 19____.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

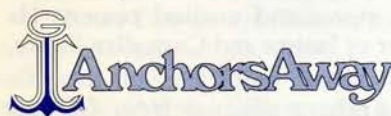
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